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Sir:

Please consider the following. The filing fee originally remitted was sufficient to cover three independent claims and 34 total claims. By the present amendment, the application now includes 34 claims, of which 7 are independent. Accordingly, enclosed is a check in the amount of \$336.00 in payment of the fees for four additional independent claims. If any further fees are deemed to be due, please charge them to Deposit Account No. 23-3030, but not to include any payment of issue fees.

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IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please add the following as the first paragraph on page 1 of this application:

This application is a continuation of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/526,189, now U.S. Patent No. 6,280,445, which claimed the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application Serial Nos. 60/149,774 and 60/129,587, and this application claims the benefits thereof under 35 U.S.C. 119(e) and 120.

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